



# Squadron 87 News

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## Bessemer Hosts SARX

*Event Is Big Success*

The Bessemer Squadron building was the site for a SARX on Saturday, September 11. The main purpose of the event was to allow all of the Alabama Wing vehicles to be centrally inspected. It was also a great way for members who may not have seen or participated in the monthly Commander's Call to see the process in action. After the inspections were complete, several of the on-hand aircrews participated in various training missions.

### Building Gets Praise

The facilities received high praise from all who were present. Even though the interior still lacked the benefits of finished walls and air-conditioning, the building still allowed efficient processing of all official and non-official mission functions. Fans were placed on active duty and kept the temperature comfortable.

As members arrived, they were routed to a sign-in table where they could sign in and also sign in their vehicles. Other tables were conveniently organized to allow fairly efficient processing of other mission duties.

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## CAPturing Ivan

*Squadron Crew Flies Photo Mission*



*This picture of the Gulf Shores area shows some of the extreme damages sustained by parts of the region.*

It usually goes without saying, but flying a Civil Air Patrol Mission usually means something somewhere is not right. After Ivan's visit to Alabama, a lot of things were not right. To accurately survey the damage for both state and federal agencies, the CAP was sent on many photo missions to capture the damage. Capt. Jimmy Mitchell, 1Lt. Paul Roebuck and 2Lt. Bob Arnold from the Bessemer Squadron participated in missions to photograph Gulf Shores, Mobile and the Pensacola Naval Air Station. 2Lt. Robert Krall participated in an anticipatory mission, ferrying aircraft away from the coastal regions before Ivan struck. ❖

## Personnel Record

*2Lt. Kay Barry, Personnel Officer*

Your personnel record is important because it contains information about you! Periodically, you should review your record with the personnel officer and the professional development officer to ensure that it is up

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There was little doubt that the most organized sections were the Communications and Concessions tables. 1Lt. James Smiley had the mission radio station setup and on the air at 0700. 2Lt. Robert Krall organized the logistics for all of the concessions. There were plenty of donuts and drinks for breakfast, and the pizza and hotdogs for lunch were great as well. Capt. Joseph Kinard along with several of the Bessemer cadets really kept things flowing.

### **Money Raised**

Money from food sales went to the building fund. There was approximately \$160 raised from concessions. Tickets for the Garmin 295 were also given out to those who donated \$10. ❖

## **Squadron 87 Quick Facts**

### **Senior Member Officers**

- Commander – Maj. Tony Petelos
- Deputy Commander for Seniors – 1Lt. James Smiley
- Deputy Commander for Cadets – Capt. Teresa Petelos
- Deputy Commander for Cadets – Capt. Joseph T. Kinard
- Aerospace Education Officer – 2Lt. Ken Trowbridge
- Communications Officer – 1Lt. James Smiley
- Drug Demand Reduction Officer – 1Lt. Paul Roebuck
- E.S. Officer – 2Lt. Robert Arnold
- Finance Officer – 1Lt. Paul Roebuck
- Operations Officer – 2Lt. Robert Krall
- Personnel Officer – 2Lt. Kay Barry
- Professional Development Officer – 2Lt. Darryl Barry
- Public Affairs Officer – 2Lt. Glenn Wilson
- Safety Officer – 2Lt. Darryl Barry
- Assistant Safety Officer – Sm. Tommy Gladney
- Testing Officer – Sm. Rosalind Fazel

### **Cadet Officers**

- C/1Lt. Brian Miller – Cadet Squadron Commander
- C/LtCol. Angela Petelos – Cadet Squadron Executive Officer
- C/2Lt. Jamie DeSpain – Cadet Flight Commander
- C/1Lt. Jacob Meins

### **By The Numbers**

- Senior Members – 37
- Cadets – 33

to date. An accurate record will ensure that you receive credit for your accomplishments by way of awards and promotions. Any questions about your record should be brought to the attention of the personnel officer as soon as possible. ❖

## **Don't Break the Safety Chain**

*2Lt. Darryl Barry*

We've all heard the old saying "A chain is only as strong as its weakest link." The same could be said about safety. We are only as safe as our most careless moment. Safety cannot be just a passing thought. It has to be a constant process. We have to be aware of our surroundings at all times and utilize our training and plain old common sense to minimize the dangers that could cause an accident. We must never bypass safety. It only makes our chain weak. Think before you act, and then act safely. Don't be the weak link. Keep our chain strong for SAFETY. ❖

## **You'll Never Know if You Don't Ask**

*1Lt. James Smiley, Communications Officer*

Bessemer Squadron is rightfully proud that our new building has finally sprouted four walls and a roof. All of the squadron members are anxious to see interior walls go up and for us to start using the facility. Some squadron members have special interests with respect to the building too. As Communication Officer, I'm excited that we'll have our very own radio room and have been collecting equipment and materials for this special space for several months now. Of course I'm always looking for the "stuff" we haven't yet collected but still need.

On Saturday, September 11, Bessemer Squadron hosted a Wing SAREX at our new building. We don't yet have communications facilities in place, so I brought out a couple of sections of communication tower, antennas, feed line, radios, power supplies, and all the other "stuff" needed to set up a communications station.

When I drove along the ramp toward the building, I couldn't help but notice the AWOS (automated weather

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The Civil Air Patrol Building will soon have the old AWOS Tower.

## FUNDRAISER INFORMATION

The Bessemer Squadron is attempting to raise the necessary funds to complete the interior of the building. To accomplish this task, a raffle ticket will be given to donors for every \$10 they donate to the squadron. These tickets will give the donors a chance to win a Garmin 295 GPS. The drawing will be held October 25<sup>th</sup>.

This GPS unit is a wonderful aid to both pilots and the ground-bound. Featuring both aviation and land maps, the winner should not have difficulty determining the best route to take.

To acquire donation tickets, please contact:

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2Lt. Robert Arnold – aigalo@bellsouth.net



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GUIDED TRAINING

JASPER AIRPORT (JFX)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

This is an invitation-only event that replaces the Evaluation previously scheduled for this date.

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observation system) had a new tubular tower in place of the old standard three-legged triangular tower. But what really caught my attention was the old tower on its side in the grass near the ramp. Thirty feet of heavy-duty communications tower, already in proper airport red-orange and white color scheme. That would be perfect as a primary tower for our squadron building! I wonder?

All through the SAREX I kept thinking about how nice that tower would fit at our building. But I wasn't sure who maintained the ASOS/AWOS systems or who to contact. I do have some old friends at the National Weather Service from when I did ham radio support for them in years past. Surely they would know. A couple of emails and phone calls later and I knew that the FAA maintained the AWOS/ASOS system. I called the Flight Service Station and got the name and number of a contact at the FAA in Birmingham. The folks at FAA Birmingham couldn't have been nicer. I explained the situation and told them how their old tower would serve a very important part of our operation at Bessemer Squadron, and if there were any way it could be donated to the cause it would be even better. The fellow I spoke to told me he'd have to check into it and call me back. A couple of hours later I got the call I was hoping to get.

It seems Bessemer Squadron and Birmingham FAA were able to help each other out. We got a much needed communication asset and they didn't have to worry about how to get rid of an unneeded tower. Thank you FAA and NWS! I guess they are right when they say, "You'll never know if you don't ask!"

## Cadets Help Honor Veterans

*SM Rosalind Fazel*

After leaving the SARX at the Bessemer Airport with Alabama Squadron 087 as hosts, I attended the 9/11 Memorial Service at the Alabama Veterans Memorial off I-459.

The colors were presented by 3 Cadet members of Squadrons 087 and 090. They represented the Civil Air Patrol proudly. It was a joy for me to see the pride they displayed in themselves and their country while presenting colors.

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Mr. Roy L. Williams, the brother of Major Dwayne Williams, an Army officer from Alabama who was killed in the attack on the Pentagon, spoke to the attendees. His topic was "Out of the Ashes". He is a very good speaker and reminded his listeners of our job of rising out of the 9/11 tragedy with determination and the will to protect our freedoms from those who would destroy them. He reminded us again of the adage that "freedom is not free".

The Alabama Veterans Memorial is a very impressive site. Those close around should go to visit regardless of whether a relative is in the military or is/was a veteran. It is open all the time, no gates closed to keep folks out. They have a HUGE American flag on site that stays flying 24/7 and is a very impressive sight at night when all lit up. The flags of the 5 services are flying as well; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

The memorial lists the Alabama Veterans killed in the various wars/conflicts. It makes me stop and think and be very grateful for what they fought and died for. Those who volunteer to serve their country (and their families) should always be remembered with thanks and prayer. They give that we may have and I for one am most thankful.

## **MIMS Becoming Mandatory**

### *AL Wing Retires Form 3*

Alabama Wing pilots have previously had the requirement of filling out a AL Wing Form 3 in order to have mission pilot status for missions. This was a requirement for insurance purposes. Unfortunately, this with the introduction of MIMS, AL Wing pilots were required to be on both lists. The Wing has now officially designated MIMS as the official source for the pilots list. So, if you are a pilot in the AL Wing, make sure your MIMS data is up to date.

## **Electronic Forms Approved**

The following forms have been approved for electronic submission for CAP. These forms will not require physical signatures. 2, 2A, 2B, 7 7T, 8, 11, 17, 19A, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 27B, 33, 34, 34A, 35, 38, 45, 45B, 46, 48, 50, 52-1, 52-2, 52-3, 52-4, 58, 60, 66, 82, 100, 105, 109, 110, 112, 113, 120, 122, 126, 127, 190-1

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### QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### OCTOBER

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Public Affairs Officer Specialty Track
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Scanner/Observer Training – Scan Patterns and Determining the Probability of Detection
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Aerospace Education Training for Senior Members
- 25<sup>th</sup>: MIMS Overview

### NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>th</sup>: BCUT
- 11<sup>th</sup>: General Emergency Training – ES Overview
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Scanner/Observer/Pilot Training – GPS Simulator
- 29<sup>th</sup>: No meeting. (Thanksgiving Holiday)

### DECEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Squadron Christmas Dinner/Party
- 13<sup>th</sup>: General ES Training: Critical Incident Stress Mgmt.
- 20<sup>th</sup>: Squadron Planning for 2005.
- 27<sup>th</sup>: No Meeting. Merry Christmas Everyone!!